

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Northern Panhandle LWG Grassland

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| Program: | Ranking Date: | Application Number: |
| Ranking Tool: Northern Panhandle LWG Grassland | | Applicant: |
| Final Ranking Score: | | Address: |
| Planner: | | Telephone: |
| Farm Location: | | |

National Priorities Addressed

| Issue Questions | Responses |
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| Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality - Will the proposed project assist the producer to: | |
| 1. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 1. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated impaired water body? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 1. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a water body? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to: | |
| 2. a. Increase groundwater recharge in identified groundwater depletion areas (http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/rasa/html/TOC.html)? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and result in estimated water savings of at least 5% and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Clean Air: Treatment of Air Quality from Agricultural Sources - Will the proposed project assist the producer to: | |
| 3. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. b. Reduce green house gases such as methane, nitrous oxide, and volatile organic compounds (VOC)? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. c. Increase carbon sequestration? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| High Quality, Productive Soils Erosion Reduction - Will the proposed project assist the producer to: | |
| 4. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to: | |
| 5. a. Benefit threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 5. b. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Special Environmental Efforts/Initiatives - Will the proposed project assist the producer to: | |
| 6. a. Eradicate or control noxious or invasive species? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. b. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. c. Implement precision agricultural methods? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. d. Properly dispose of animal carcasses? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. e. Implement an Integrated Pest Management plan? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Energy Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to: | |
| 7. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 7. b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with more efficient equipment? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |

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| 7. c. Assist in implementing energy conservation measures that reduce emissions from GHGs and air pollutants? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Business Lines - Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in: | |
| 8. a. Implementation of all planned conservation practices within three years of contract obligation? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 8. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted, or will complete an existing conservation system? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Does the applicant meet the following conditions: | |
| 9. a. If the applicant has an existing EQIP contract, has it been, and is it now, on schedule and in full compliance? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 9. b. Did the applicant successfully complete any past contract(s) in full compliance? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 9. c. Is this the applicant's first EQIP application? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |

State Issues Addressed

| Issue Questions | Responses |
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| 1. Are there livestock feeding areas with unfiltered flow into water bodies on the land unit? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. Is the land unit located on Karst topography with sink holes lacking protection from Agricultural wastes or pesticides? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. Will practices be installed in the proposed contract to increase the organic matter content in soils on the land unit? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 4. Does the operation require a CAFO permit? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 5. Will cover crops be employed to sequester nutrients, reduce erosion and reduce compaction? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. Is the operation located in the drainage area of a high quality stream (see list). | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 7. Is the operation located in the drainage area of a stream listed as impaired by agricultural contaminants? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 8. If manure is applied, will it be incorporated to prevent runoff? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 9. Will the contract include practices to establish or increase riparian buffers? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 10. Does the applicant agree to complete all practices in the contract in three years or less? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 11. Is this the first contract for this applicant? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |

Local Issues Addressed

| Issue Questions | Responses |
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| 1. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP help control the presence and spread of unwanted invasive species on the operating unit? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. Will the contract be used to increase the number of grassland fields to facilitate rotational grazing? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. Will requested practices improve soil condition and plant health and vigor by meeting soil nutrient test requirements for forage production for animal produced for consumption, associated with this livestock unit? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 4. Does the applicant have soil tests that are less than 3 years old for all fields in the application on file at the time of ranking? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 5. Will forage quality and quantity be improved by pasture plantings? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. Will the livestock water quantity be improved by developing water sources? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 7. Will the most economical practice be installed to solve the resource concern? (Pond vs. Spring Development) | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |

Land Use:

| Resource Concerns | Practices |
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Ranking Score

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| Efficiency: |
| Local Issues: |

State Issues:

National Issues:

Final Ranking Score:

This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative:

Signature Date:

**Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for
Contract Development unless required by State policy:**

Signature Date: